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Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE **A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District**

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BILL OF THE WEEK!

Senate recently passed the Jobs and Economic Diversification Package.

The package re-prioritizes the use of the tobacco settlement dollars for use in economic development is on its way to the House for final concurrence.

Michigan will securitize approximately one-third of its tobacco settlement dollars in order to stimulate and diversify the economy. The bonds purchased by the sale of the tobacco assets will be used to invest in capital markets and cutting edge technologies. Specifically, areas of life sciences, alternative energy, advanced manufacturing and materials, and homeland security and defense will benefit.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The website will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For the fifth consecutive year, Senator Garcia along with district businesses are collecting used cellular devices to help victims of domestic violence.

Collected phones will then be sent to Donate-A-Phone, a division of the Wireless Foundation, where they will be re-programmed so that they can only be used to contact emergency officials when in trouble.

All cellular phones will be accepted. They can be dropped off at the following locations:

Big K Mart, 2500 E. M-21, Corunna ~ A.R. Kramer Flooring, 751 S. Latson, Howell ~ Coastal Communications, 110 W. Grand River, Howell ~ Coastal Communications, 333 E. Grand River, Brighton ~ M-59 Mobil Gas Station, 10110 M-59, Hartland ~ Auto One/Hometown Wireless, 9981 E. Grand River, Brighton ~ Ace Hardware, 340 S. Cedar, Mason ~
Senator Garcia's office, S-132 Capitol Bldg., Capitol Ave, Lansing

The campaign will last through the holiday season. For more information regarding the collection, or if there is not a drop-off center near your home, please contact the Senator's office at (517) 373-2420.

